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1. Iasi is reportedly one of the most important Soviet military installations in Moldovia; it resembles a military garrison in time of war. A large number of Soviet vehicles are observed in the streets, and many Soviet Army units are stationed in the environs of the city.
2. A Soviet military command, with jurisdiction over Moldovia, was established in Iasi at the end of 1952.
3. The area between the city of Iasi and the Prut River is regarded as a military zone; it is through this area that all military convoys pass to and from Bessarabia. The convoys presumably bring in replacement troops for units that have been stationed in Rumania for a long period.

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